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Ms. Gloria Blue
Executive Secretary
Trade Policy Staff Committee
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20508

Re: Request for Exclusions (Supplemental Information)
Investigation No. TA-201-73 Certain Steel Products

Dear Ms. Blue,

Canadian authorities wish to provide the Trade Policy Staff Committee with information which is supplemental to and an amplification of elements of its letter of November 13, 2001 regarding its request for exclusions from any import relief which may be recommended by the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) under Section 203 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Regarding stainless steel fittings, Canadian authorities wish to emphasize that while Canadian fitting producers, Canadoil, Ezeflow, and ABE do produce some fittings in the sizes or specifications outlined in our letter, their exports of these products to the United States are minimal. We also wish to note that the bulk of the production by Canadian fitting manufacturers is almost exclusively concentrated in the heavy wall, larger diameter fittings or lower pulp and paper specification A774 "as welded" quality fittings. The U.S. producers specified in our letter of November 13, 2001 have little, if any involvement in the production of these items.

Yours sincerely

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